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## 2004 NSW Regional Profile

### 2004 NSW REGIONAL PROFILE

The **2004 NSW Regional Profile** is now available. The Profile provides councils and regional organisations with a comprehensive data source for the formulation of policy,

production of reports and assessment of needs. For the first time, the Profile contains information for all Local Government Areas in NSW, allowing easy comparison or aggregation of areas. Over 100 Excel tables of ABS and non-ABS data are provided on the CD-ROM, along with comprehensive explanatory notes. For more information, contact Katy White on (02) 9268 4436, email: [katy.white@abs.gov.au](mailto:katy.white@abs.gov.au).

## **2004 New South Wales Year Book**

### **2004 NEW SOUTH WALES YEAR BOOK**

The **2004 New South Wales Year Book** (cat. no. 1300.1) is due for release in March 2004. It provides a comprehensive statistical overview of the economic and social conditions in NSW in 2003. This 84th edition of the Year Book includes new data on the environment, a range of service industries, and on aspects of social concern. A valuable resource for students, decision-makers and researchers; or simply a fascinating read for anyone interested in NSW.

## **ABS Geography - Mesh Blocks**

### **ABS GEOGRAPHY - MESH BLOCKS**

A new ABS Position paper, **Mesh Blocks** (cat. no. 1209.0) was released on 16 March 2004. Mesh Blocks represent a new approach to statistical geography. About four to five times smaller than a Census Collection District, Mesh Blocks will aggregate reasonably accurately to almost any geographical area. The ABS plans to increase the quantum and quality of geographically referenced statistics by linking street addresses to Mesh Blocks, thus enabling the coding and aggregation of almost any location-specific data into meaningful statistics. The ABS values your suggestions for the essential design criteria of Mesh Blocks, and responses to the Position Paper should be directed to the following: Director, Geography, Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO BOX 10, Belconnen 2616; or by email: [geography@abs.gov.au](mailto:geography@abs.gov.au).

## **Indigenous Social Survey**

### **INDIGENOUS SOCIAL SURVEY**

The first Indigenous Social Survey (ISS) was conducted between August 2002 and April 2003. Information was collected by personal interview from approximately 9,000 Indigenous persons throughout Australia. This information covered a range of topics relating to the social, health and economic circumstances and cultural participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Summary results from the ISS are scheduled to be published at the end of April 2004. The state/territory specific tables and a Confidentialised Unit Record File are planned for release shortly after that date. The state/territory tables will be on the ABS website, while the CURF will be accessible via Remote Access Data Laboratory

(RADL) arrangements. For further information contact Dan Black on (02) 6252 6663, email: [dan.black@abs.gov.au](mailto:dan.black@abs.gov.au).

## Measures of Australia's Progress

### MEASURES OF AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS

The second issue of **Measures of Australia's Progress** (cat. no. 1370.0) is due for release on 21 April 2004. Described by the media when its first issue was released as 'about as close as any statistician can get to the meaning of life', this publication is designed as a national summary of progress in Australia across the environmental, social and economic areas of life. This issue will contain a set of headline indicators on aspects of health, education, employment, income, crime, the environment, along with many other topics. An information session on this publication will be held in Sydney on Tuesday 4 May 2004. While invitations will be sent out closer to the date, if you would like to attend this session please contact Jill Tomlinson on (02) 9268 4123, email: [jill.tomlinson@abs.gov.au](mailto:jill.tomlinson@abs.gov.au).

## Australia's Youth, 2001

### AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH, 2001

The characteristics of youth (15 to 24 year olds) are explored in detail in a new publication, **Census of Population and Housing: Australia's Youth, 2001** (cat. no. 2059.0). This publication provides a snapshot of young people across a range of areas of social concern, including Indigenous and cultural background, family relationships, participation in education and the labour force, income levels, and the use of computers. In 2001, one-third of Australia's youth were counted in NSW, and the state accounted for over a quarter of Australia's Indigenous youth population. Further information can be obtained from the Children and Youth Statistics theme page, found under the 'Themes' link from the ABS web site.

## Schools Australia

### SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

**Schools, Australia, 2003** (cat. no. 4221.0) was released on 24 February 2004. The publication presents results of the 2003 National Schools Statistics Collection which was conducted in August 2003. The publication includes information on schools, students and teaching staff for all states and territories, as well as apparent retention rates, student/teaching staff ratios, school age participation rates and some information on Indigenous students.

# New Occupation Classification

## NEW OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION

The ABS, Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) have developed a draft of a new occupation classification - the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). During the first half of 2004 the ABS, SNZ and DEWR will seek advice from professional organisations and industry and employer bodies on particular occupation groups to help refine the draft structure. In mid-2004, a final round of information sessions will be held to give stakeholders the opportunity to provide input to the draft classification. ANZSCO will be implemented in ABS and SNZ collections from 2006. For further information on the development of ANZSCO please contact Ian McLean on (02) 6252 5377, email: [social.classifications@abs.gov.au](mailto:social.classifications@abs.gov.au).

# Changes to Industrial Disputes Publication

## CHANGES TO INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES PUBLICATION

The monthly **Industrial Disputes** publication (cat. no. 6321.0) will be replaced by a quarterly electronic publication (cat. no. 6321.0.55.001), commencing with the March quarter 2004 release. The new electronic publication will contain a small number of tables presenting quarterly data and will be available free from the ABS web site. Statistics currently contained in the monthly publication will continue to be available, but for a quarterly reference period. In addition, data will become available for more industry groups, and also from the new Cause of Dispute (COD) and Reason Work Resumed (RWR) classifications. For further information please contact Peta Sheehan on Perth (08) 9360 5159.

# Community Preparedness for Emergencies, NSW

## COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCIES, NSW

The publication **Community Preparedness for Emergencies, NSW** (cat. no. 4818.1) is due for release on 2 April 2004. This publication contains results obtained from the October 2003 State Supplementary Survey. It presents information on indicators of household preparedness for emergencies and household experience of emergencies. Topics covered include: presence of selected safety precautions, whether households have an emergency action plan, and household experience of emergencies such as a house fire, bush fire, storm, wind, hail or flood.

# Sexual Assault Statistical Overview

## SEXUAL ASSAULT STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

The National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics is undertaking a project to produce **Sexual Assault in Australia: A Statistical Overview**. This follows from the **Sexual Assault Information Development Framework (IDF)** (cat. no. 4518.0), released in August 2003, which concluded that there is a need to bring together currently available information to provide a broad, statistical overview of the whole field of sexual assault. Drawing on selected ABS and non-ABS data sources, the overview will present information about the key elements of the conceptual framework contained in the IDF; context, risk, incidents, responses, impacts and prevention. The statistical overview is scheduled for release in mid-2004. For further information contact Lyn Tucker on (03) 9615 7883, email: [lyn.tucker@abs.gov.au](mailto:lyn.tucker@abs.gov.au).

## Measuring Crime Victimisation

### MEASURING CRIME VICTIMISATION

An ABS Information Paper, **Measuring Crime Victimisation in Australia: The impact of different collection methodologies** (cat. no. 4522.0.55.001) was released on 5 February 2004. This Information Paper aims to provide an increased understanding of both the nature of crime victimisation measurement in Australia and the reasons why the findings from various data sources may differ. The paper utilises statistics from both ABS administrative collections and national survey collections. If you have any queries about the paper, or would like further information, please contact Catherine Andersson on (03) 9615 7375, email: [crime.justice@abs.gov.au](mailto:crime.justice@abs.gov.au).

## Importers and Exporters

### IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

Two articles **Australia's Exporters, 2002-03** and **Australia's Importers, 2002-03** were published recently. They contain estimates of the total number of exporters and importers of goods and services in Australia, including the number of goods exporters by state (based on state of production of exports and state of location of business). An analysis by industry also contains the value of exports/imports, size of business and export patterns. The articles can be accessed free from the ABS web site, by first selecting 'Themes', then 'International Trade', then 'Topics of Interest'.

## Statistical Training

### STATISTICAL TRAINING

The ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy Section provides a range of statistical training courses throughout the year. Courses on offer in the coming months include: Introduction to Statistics (6-8 April), for people who need to use or understand statistics in their job but have

little experience; Basic Survey Design (18-19 May), which gives a broad overview of all facets of survey development; Introduction to Sampling (8-9 June), for people wanting to understand how a sample is selected in order to meet survey objectives; and Turning Data Into Information (22-23 June), which develops skills in interpreting, communicating and displaying data clearly and effectively. Training courses can also be tailored to meet specific organisational needs. For more information contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4183, or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

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### SPREAD THE NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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2. Go to the ABS Web site. Choose **News** from the menu bar, then go to **Newsletters**. You can access current and previous copies of **Statistics News NSW**, as well as many other ABS newsletters.

## Selected Releases December 2003 to February 2004

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### SELECTED RELEASES DECEMBER 2003 TO FEBRUARY 2004

To order ABS publications or enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

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Catalogue No.

1301.0	Year Book Australia, 2004 (\$88.00)
1329.0	Australian Wine and Grape Industry, 2003 (\$24.00)
2032.0	Census of Population and Housing: Australia in Profile - A Regional Analysis, 2001 (\$48.00)
2039.0.55.001	Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia - Technical Paper, 2001, Electronic delivery Free
2052.0 New	Australian Census Analytic Program: Indigenous Australians in the Contemporary Labour Market, 2001 (\$41.00)
2055.0 New	Australian Census Analytic Program: The Micro-Dynamics of Change in Australian Agriculture: 1976-2001, 2001 (\$35.00)
2056.0 New	Australian Census Analytic Program: Australia Online: How Australians are Using Computers and the Internet, 2001 (\$34.00)
2059.0 New	Census of Population and Housing: Australia's Youth, 2001 (\$39.00)

3201.0	Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, June 2003 (\$22.00)
3302.0	Deaths, Australia, 2002 (\$32.00)
3303.0	Causes of Death, Australia, 2002 (\$27.00)
3320.0 New	Deaths From External Causes, Australia, 1998 to 2002 (\$23.00)
4159.0 New	General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2002 (\$32.00)
4159.1.55.001	General Social Survey, New South Wales, 2002, Electronic delivery (\$30.00)
New	
4177.0	Participation in Sport and Physical Activities, Australia, 2002 (\$22.00)
4221.0	Schools, Australia, 2003 (\$23.00)
4509.1	Crime and Safety, New South Wales, April 2003 (\$19.50)
4522.0.55.001	Information Paper: Measuring Crime Victimisation, Australia: The Impact of Different Collection Methodologies, 2002, Electronic delivery Free
New	
4715.0.55.001	National Health Survey (Indigenous): Expanded Confidentialised Unit Record File, 2001, Electronic delivery (\$8,000.00)
New	
4812.0 New	Health Risk Factors, Australia, 2001 (\$27.00)
5494.0 New	Economic Activity of Foreign Owned Businesses in Australia, 2000-01 (\$24.00)
5673.0.55.001	Regional Wage and Salary Earner Statistics, Australia - Electronic Publication, 2000-01 (\$29.00)
New	
5678.0	Venture Capital, Australia, 2002-03 (\$20.00)
6277.0	Education and Work, Australia, May 2003 (\$24.00)
7501.0	Value of Principal Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, Preliminary, 2002-03 (\$19.00)

## Selected Expected Releases March and April 2004

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### SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES MARCH AND APRIL 2004

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<b>ABS</b>	Catalogue of Publications and Products, 2004 (\$7.00)
<b>Catalogue</b>	Information Paper: Mesh Blocks
<b>No.</b>	New South Wales Year Book, 2004 (\$51.00)
1101.0	Measures of Australia's Progress, 2004 (\$45.00)
1209.0 <b>New</b>	National Regional Profile, 2002 (p.o.a.)
1300.1	Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2002-03 (\$32.00)
1370.0	General Social Survey: Users' Guide, 2002 (p.o.a.)
1379.0.55.001	Crime and Safety Survey: Expanded CURF, 2002 (\$8,000.00)
<b>New</b>	Indigenous Social Survey, 2002 (\$34.00)
3218.0	Community Preparedness for Emergencies, NSW, October 2003 (\$19.50)
4159.0.55.002	Industrial Disputes, Australia, December 2003 (\$19.50)
<b>New</b>	
4509.0.55.002	
<b>New</b>	
4714.0 <b>New</b>	
4818.1 <b>New</b>	
6321.0 <b>Final</b>	

## About this release

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